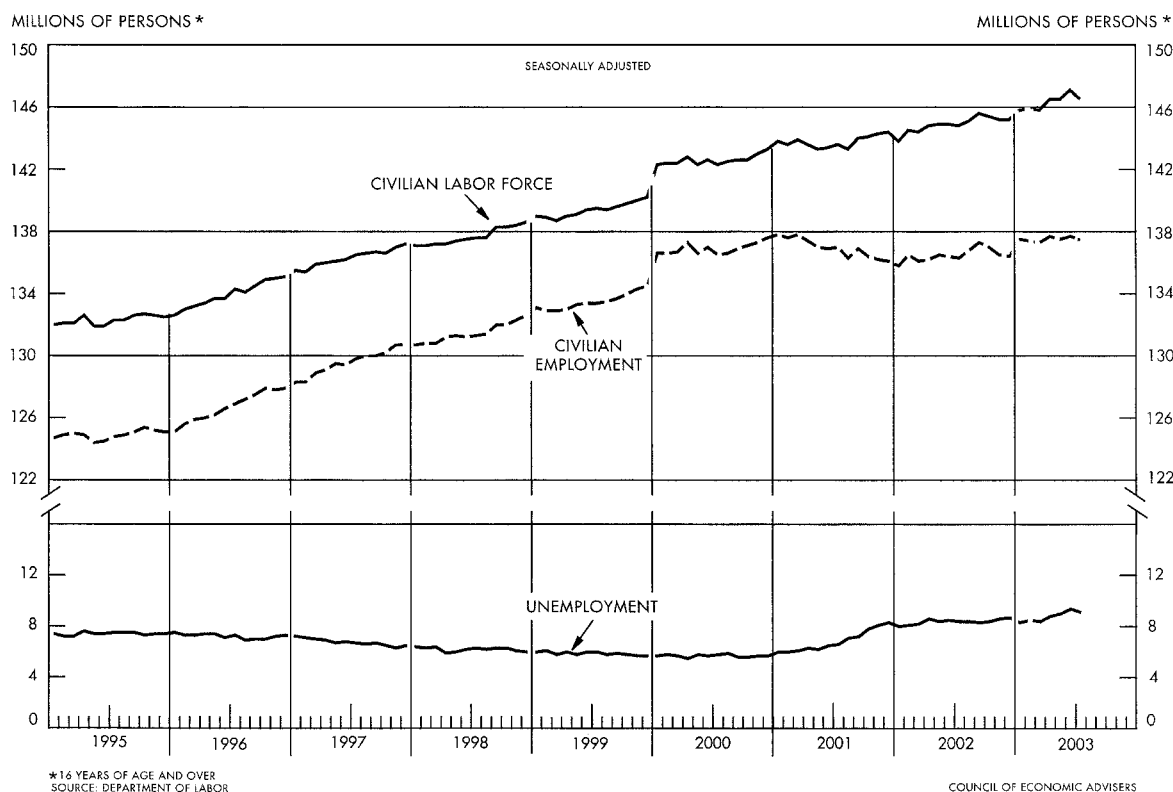


EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In July, employment fell by 260,000 and unemployment fell by 296,000.



[Thousands of persons 16 years of age and over, except as noted; monthly data seasonally adjusted except as noted by NSA]

| Period | Civilian noninstitutional population NSA | Civilian labor force | Civilian employment | | | | Unemployment | | | | Not in labor force | Percent ¹ | | |
|------------------------------|--|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| | | | Total | Men 20 years and over | Women 20 years and over | Both sexes 16-19 years | Total | Men 20 years and over | Women 20 years and over | Both sexes 16-19 years | | Labor force participation rate | Employment/population ratio | Unemployment rate |
| 1993 | 194,838 | 129,200 | 120,259 | 62,355 | 52,099 | 5,805 | 8,940 | 4,287 | 3,288 | 1,365 | 65,638 | 66.3 | 61.7 | 6.9 |
| 1994 ² | 196,814 | 131,056 | 123,060 | 63,294 | 53,606 | 6,161 | 7,996 | 3,627 | 3,049 | 1,320 | 65,758 | 66.6 | 62.5 | 6.1 |
| 1995 | 198,584 | 132,304 | 124,900 | 64,085 | 54,396 | 6,419 | 7,404 | 3,239 | 2,819 | 1,346 | 66,280 | 66.6 | 62.9 | 5.6 |
| 1996 | 200,591 | 133,943 | 126,708 | 64,897 | 55,311 | 6,500 | 7,236 | 3,146 | 2,783 | 1,306 | 66,647 | 66.8 | 63.2 | 5.4 |
| 1997 ³ | 203,133 | 136,297 | 129,558 | 66,284 | 56,613 | 6,661 | 6,739 | 2,882 | 2,585 | 1,271 | 66,836 | 67.1 | 63.8 | 4.9 |
| 1998 ³ | 205,220 | 137,673 | 131,463 | 67,135 | 57,278 | 7,051 | 6,210 | 2,580 | 2,424 | 1,205 | 67,547 | 67.1 | 64.1 | 4.5 |
| 1999 ³ | 207,753 | 139,368 | 133,488 | 67,761 | 58,555 | 7,172 | 5,880 | 2,433 | 2,285 | 1,162 | 68,385 | 67.1 | 64.3 | 4.2 |
| 2000 ³ | 212,577 | 142,583 | 136,891 | 69,634 | 60,067 | 7,189 | 5,692 | 2,376 | 2,235 | 1,081 | 69,994 | 67.1 | 64.4 | 4.0 |
| 2001 | 215,092 | 143,734 | 136,933 | 69,776 | 60,417 | 6,740 | 6,801 | 3,040 | 2,599 | 1,162 | 71,359 | 66.8 | 63.7 | 4.7 |
| 2002 ³ | 217,570 | 144,863 | 136,485 | 69,734 | 60,420 | 6,332 | 8,378 | 3,896 | 3,228 | 1,253 | 72,707 | 66.6 | 62.7 | 5.8 |
| 2002: July | 217,630 | 144,786 | 136,343 | 69,792 | 60,262 | 6,289 | 8,443 | 3,879 | 3,272 | 1,292 | 72,844 | 66.5 | 62.6 | 5.8 |
| Aug | 217,866 | 145,123 | 136,757 | 69,895 | 60,581 | 6,280 | 8,366 | 3,906 | 3,180 | 1,280 | 72,743 | 66.6 | 62.8 | 5.8 |
| Sept | 218,107 | 145,634 | 137,312 | 70,213 | 60,675 | 6,425 | 8,321 | 3,895 | 3,184 | 1,243 | 72,473 | 66.8 | 63.0 | 5.7 |
| Oct | 218,340 | 145,393 | 136,988 | 69,921 | 60,668 | 6,400 | 8,405 | 3,962 | 3,308 | 1,135 | 72,947 | 66.6 | 62.7 | 5.8 |
| Nov | 218,548 | 145,180 | 136,542 | 69,617 | 60,697 | 6,228 | 8,637 | 4,153 | 3,224 | 1,261 | 73,369 | 66.4 | 62.5 | 5.9 |
| Dec | 218,741 | 145,150 | 136,439 | 69,600 | 60,676 | 6,164 | 8,711 | 4,145 | 3,360 | 1,206 | 73,591 | 66.4 | 62.4 | 6.0 |
| 2003: Jan ³ | 219,897 | 145,838 | 137,536 | 69,967 | 61,443 | 6,125 | 8,302 | 4,026 | 3,035 | 1,241 | 74,059 | 66.3 | 62.5 | 5.7 |
| Feb ³ | 220,114 | 145,857 | 137,408 | 70,293 | 61,073 | 6,042 | 8,450 | 3,962 | 3,237 | 1,251 | 74,257 | 66.3 | 62.4 | 5.8 |
| Mar | 220,317 | 145,793 | 137,348 | 70,293 | 61,227 | 5,829 | 8,445 | 3,944 | 3,250 | 1,251 | 74,524 | 66.2 | 62.3 | 5.8 |
| Apr | 220,540 | 146,473 | 137,687 | 70,364 | 61,401 | 5,923 | 8,786 | 4,207 | 3,276 | 1,303 | 74,067 | 66.4 | 62.4 | 6.0 |
| May | 220,768 | 146,485 | 137,487 | 70,144 | 61,436 | 5,907 | 8,998 | 4,362 | 3,297 | 1,339 | 74,283 | 66.4 | 62.3 | 6.1 |
| June | 221,014 | 147,096 | 137,738 | 70,130 | 61,753 | 5,855 | 9,358 | 4,562 | 3,395 | 1,401 | 73,918 | 66.6 | 62.3 | 6.4 |
| July | 221,252 | 146,540 | 137,478 | 70,193 | 61,462 | 5,823 | 9,062 | 4,388 | 3,357 | 1,317 | 74,712 | 66.2 | 62.1 | 6.2 |

¹ Civilian labor force (or employment) as percent of civilian noninstitutional population; and unemployment as percent of civilian labor force.

² Data beginning January 1994 are not directly comparable with data for earlier periods because of a major redesign of the household survey questionnaire.

³ Not strictly comparable with earlier data.

NOTE.—See *Employment and Earnings* for details on breaks in series.

Data beginning 2000 reflect new population controls based on Census 2000, an additional population adjustment in January 2003, and other changes. Data for February 2003 are not directly comparable with earlier data due to a weighting difference. For details, see *The Employment Situation*, January 2003 and February 2003.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.